GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:7
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STUDY ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the criminal justice system;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) the action so far taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the improvement witnessed in the system as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 7 FOR 26.02.2008 REGARDING STUDY ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

(a) to (c): Various Commissions/Committees had been set up from time to time to make recommendations on various aspects of Criminal Justice System. Recently, a Committee was constituted on 03.05.2006 for drafting a National Policy Paper on Criminal Justice System under the Chairmanship of Prof. Madhava Menon. The Committee has submitted its report. Some of the major recommendations suggested in the report, inter alia, include, suggestions relating to reclassification of crimes with the objective of empowering victims, speedy and efficacious delivery of justice, sentencing guidelines for purposive punishment, safeguarding the interest of the weaker sections, use of science and technology for Criminal Justice Reforms and compensation for victims etc.Considering that, the Criminal Justice System falls in the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, and, the recommendations could have wide ranging implications, copies of the Report have been sent to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations as also to the various Ministries / Organizations in the Central Government for their comments and suggestions.

(d): Does not arise.